

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

The Stock Market Active and Strong.

GOLD 100 1-32 A 100 1-64.

Government Bonds Firm, States Dull and Railroads Strong.

Money on Call Easy at 4 a 5 Per Cent.

WALL STREET.

MONDAY, Dec. 30—6 P. M.

Prices on "Change to-day showed an improvement in almost every instance, and the traditional depression of a "blue Monday" was offset by a rise throughout the list. Strange, but true, the Vanderbilt properties headed the advance. Central and Hudson showed the way with a small rise, Western Union with a better one, and Michigan Central with the best of all. In a word, it was the easiest matter in the world to turn into a profit for all such operators as backed the market for an advance. Lake Shore rising to 71 1/4 was as astounding to the street as were English politics to Count Smotroff, but it advanced to this price nevertheless. In almost equal degree advanced Michigan Central, the Northbounds and Western Union. In fact, the whole market, from the excitable fancies to the neglected sluggards of the list, was more or less influenced by the bullish feeling which was paramount to-day. The sincere belief has been expressed more than once in this column that the point of greatest depression in prices has been passed, and that henceforth a moderate but sure appreciation of values may be looked for. While it is impossible to predict the changes in quotations from day to day, made and controlled as they are by prominent stock gamblers, it may be assumed as a certainty that all dividend paying stocks will reach higher values as time rolls on. For this belief there are good and sufficient reasons. In the first place the feeling as to money matters is more cheerful the country through. There is more business doing, more money being earned, and consequently a greater inclination to spend it. From inquiries made in the circles of retail trade we gather that during no Christmas holiday season since 1873 has so large and profitable a business been done. In a great measure this fact holds good with the wholesale trade as well. More important, however, is the fact that the resumption of specie payments will act like an enchanter's wand in converting gold coin from an article of merchandise into current money. There are many millions of this, hitherto hoarded or used to advantage in Gold Room loans, that will after Wednesday next find their occupation gone as income earners. Necessary they must be put to work to yield a return in some other capacity, and investments will be sought in the various fields of mining, manufacture, commerce and finance. In the latter branch money seeking investment is likely to demand the safest, cheapest and best paying securities. State and railroad bonds of unquestionable value are ruling too high in market price to offer satisfactory returns of interest, and there is only left the share list to choose from. That such choice, in the way of investment, will be made, or the best class of dividend paying stocks is most probable, and it would seem that an improvement in prices must necessarily follow.

The opening, highest, lowest and closing prices of stocks at the New York Stock Exchange today were as follows:—

Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Delaware & Hudson.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Western Union.	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Pacific Mail.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Cont. & H. Dist.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Bolger.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Lake Shore.	70	71 1/2	71 1/2
Morris & Essex.	74 3/4	75 1/2	74 3/4
Northwestern.	49 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Central Western.	78	79 1/2	77 1/2
Kansas & Texas.	57 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Crown Point.	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
Eureka Consolidated.	31	32 1/2	33 1/2
Exchequer.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Gould & Curry.	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2

The closing quotations at three P. M. were:—

Bid.	Asked.
At 2 Pac Tel.	28
Kansas & Texas.	6 1/2
Canada Southern.	44 1/2
Chicago & W. W.	45
Chi. R. & Pac.	111 1/2
Chi. & I. C.	121 1/2
Chi. & N. J.	105
Chi. & S. F.	305
Chi. & I. C. L.	35
Chi. & E. W.	37 1/2
Chi. & H. C.	37 1/2
Chi. & N. Y. C.	27 1/2
Chi. & N. Y. E.	73 1/2
Chi. & N. Y. W.	73 1/2
Chi. & N. Y. W. & St.	73 1/2
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